Circular No. 4—3-2.

FROM

J. O. MILLER, ESQ., C.S.I.,
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

To

Dept. of Rev. and Agri.
Commercial Exhibitions.

*Calcutta, the 20th February* 1903.

SIR,

With reference to the Government of India's Resolutions Nos. 23—1-4 and 26—1-7, dated, respectively, the 7th May and 10th June 1902, regarding the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at St. Louis in 1904, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council / His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, / your information, a copy of a letter, No. 3 D., dated 8th January 1903, addressed by the Government of India to the Honourable Mr. John Barrett, Commissioner General for the Exhibition, stating that it has been decided that India will not be officially represented at, or participate officially in, the Exhibition, but that every assistance that may be reasonably possible will be given to intending exhibitors from India.

2. On this latter point I am to say that the Government of India have not yet decided what concessions or assistance it may be desirable to grant, and that the decision will depend in the main upon the number and importance of intending exhibitors.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
J. O. MILLER,
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
" " " " Bombay.
" " " " Bengal.
" " " " the United Provinces.
" Revenue and Financial Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.
" Revenue Secretary to the Government of Burma.
" Honourable the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.
" " " " Assam.
" Chief Commissioner, Coorg.
" " " Ajmer.
" Honourable the Resident at Hyderabad.
" " Agent to the Governor General and Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province.

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Copy forwarded to the Foreign Department, for information and communication to Political Officers in Native States.

By order,
R. E. V. ARBUTHNOT,
*Under-Secretary to the Government of India.*

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*No. 3 D., dated Delhi, the 8th January* 1903.

From—J. O. Miller, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India,
To—The Honourable Mr. John Barrett, Commissioner General for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of December 16th, conveying on behalf of the Directorate of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition an invitation to the Indian Government to participate in the St. Louis World's Fair to be held in 1904. The Governor General in Council appreciates the courtesy shown in extending the invitation to this country, and is fully sensible of the importance to be attached to the considerations set out in your letters and the documents accompanying them.

2. The Government of India have, however, as the result of actual experience, been obliged to decide that the benefits derived by this country from participation in distant expositions are not such as to justify the Government in taking part in them. Consequently when His Majesty's Secretary of State for India enquired whether this Government desired to be represented at St. Louis, a reply was sent to His Lordship in May last that the Government of India did not propose that India should be officially represented there, though they would gladly assist in making public the regulations of the Exhibition for the guidance of private persons who might wish to exhibit.

3. The Government of India have again considered the whole question in the light of the information furnished by you and have fully weighed all the considerations referred to in your communications. They regret that they are unable to alter the decision already arrived at, and that they cannot therefore accept the invitation transmitted by you, that the Government of India should participate officially in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. But they will give every assistance that may be reasonably possible to intending exhibitors from this country.